



St. Andrew the Apostle is venerated with special passion in several countries of Europe, from Russia to Scotland. He was the first missionary in the proto-Slavonic territories and the patron saint of Byzantium, the Second Rome. Russian hagiographic tradition tells that St. Andrew the Apostle travelled to the lands where later the cities of

Kiev and Novgorod were founded and from there circling all of Europe, the Christian oecumene of that time, he travelled by sea to Rome to meet his brother Peter, thus giving an example of brotherly love between Eastern and Western Churches, a symbol of Christian unity.

The translation of St. Andrew's relics from Constantinople to Amalfi in 1208 was the apostle's new missionary journey that furthered his veneration in the West. As we prepare to celebrate 800 years of this event, The Catholic Committee for Cultural Collaboration (Rome), St. Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute (Moscow), Archdiocese of Amalfi, Foundation "Rondine Cittadella della Pace" (Arezzo), Monastery of Bose (Mignano) and other church and public organizations from a number of European countries have organized in 2007 a series of colloquiums that will culminate in the international conference in Freising, Germany on 7-11 June 2008.

- First colloquium "Significance of St. Andrew for the dialogue of love between East and West and spiritual ecumenism" was held in Arezzo on 1-4 February 2007.
- Second colloquium "Significance of St. Andrew in East and West: history, iconography, literature, places of veneration, and worship" was held in Amalfi on 6-9 May 2007.
- Third colloquium "Apostles Peter and Andrew – the icon of the future" was held in Bose on 25-28 October 2007.

Materials from these forums will be used in the publication of a jubilee volume that will come out after the international conference in Freising in 2008 where we expect ca 80 participants from many countries.

Those who wish to present a paper should send a summary (800 words at most) in English by email to St. Andrew's by 1 April 2008. The Organizing Committee selects papers for the Conference and sends invitations to the speakers. The full text of all the papers selected will have to be submitted by 1 Mai 2008.

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